GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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LAND HOLDINGS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of farmers have declined in comparison to the number of land holdings in rural areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c) As per Population Censuses of India 1971, 1981 and 1991 the number ofcultivators in the country were 78.2 million, 92.5 million and 110.7 million respectively.
The estimated number of operational holdings as per the Agricultural Censuses 1970- 71, 1980-81 and 1990-91 were 71.0 million, 88.9 million and 106.6 million respectively.
Thus, the number of cultivators has been higher than the number of operational holdings due to the presence of joint holdings.